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1. The Communists in Paraguay have been slowly organizing themselves since the end of the recent revolution. It is believed that Oscar Creydt, No. 1 Communist and founder of the Communist Party of Paraguay (CPP), is directing the movement from a secret headquarters.
2. Many of the cells are not yet linked together and are operating as autonomous bases. A slight relaxation of police vigilance has been noted, but the Communists must still work under the greatest of difficulties.
3. Occasional arrests of Communists continue and there has been no indication that Communists now in jail will be released. It is true that some have managed to obtain their release through bribery. Others have been released after publicly disclaiming membership in the Party. Some of the latter are not expected to leave the Party once their freedom has been secured.
4. A high police official reportedly said that the Communists are taking advantage of every opportunity. The approximately 400 Communists now in jail are continually proselyting among the other prisoners and are setting up cell organizations.
5. The CPP, according to source, is interested in obtaining arms as a reserve for future eventualities. It is possible that it is planning a specific assault, such as an attack on the police department similar to the one which occurred on 7 March 1947.
6. The only piece of Communist propaganda published recently is a pamphlet dated 3 October and signed by the Communist Youth Federation. The whole of this pamphlet was devoted to criticizing the conditions of political prisoners in the public jail. President Morinigo and the Guion Rojo were blamed for this situation.

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